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Sarah Bracher to Hannah Boyd Hall, March 1895

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My dear Sister

The unexpected loss of your dear husband & my dear loving brother is a very great grief & shock to us all, I feel as though I can not write on this very sad subject until I get some particulars, but I do feel anxious to hear from you all about our dear one, it is a great consolation to us who mourn his loss to know his life was so pure & good & no doubt the Lord was preparing him for the higher better life we must not mourn as those who leave no hope we shall all meet again where parting & sorrow cannot enter & may we all endeavor to follow Jesus & love & work for Him while we are spared, time is fast passing away & life is at best so very uncertain that we must always live in a state of preparation for the Mansions Jesus has told us about, we must try to think more than ever of God's great love & goodness to us & the glorious home He has already for us when He sees fit to call us away, may we ever remember that our Heavenly Father doeth all for our good & though His dealings with us are some times very mysterious & past finding out when we get home we shall know all about it, His love & mercy never fails for He never changes. I can sympathize with you & your dear children, the loss of my dear good husband is still uppermost in my thoughts & seems to [?wean] me from this world & I often long to be away but feel that the Lord may still have work for me or I would not be so long spared, I am meeting the Minister's wife's class at 3 o'clock on Monday P M while she is away in Hobart Town & trying to speak a word for Jesus to careless & thoughtless ones but oh! I feel so unworthy myself & often feel lost in wonder, love & praise when I am thinking of the many troubles & dangers He has brought me through during my long life.

Mar 16th Eva & Fanny are now in [?Mel] & very pleased Eva is to be taken about so much we like her very much & think her very good company, we shall miss her when she leaves this part, hers has been a busy eventful life & I do hope her future will be happy & prosperous.

My dear Son is still at White Feather nr Coolgardie & is working very hard & in such dreadful heat I am very grieved to think of his many hardships but I am very thankful his health is good, I hope he will soon be in a better position & have his family with him.

Sudden deaths are very frequent about here lately a near neighbour of ours went to bed the night before last & was found dead in bed yesterday when called to breakfast, many sad & fatal accidents have occurred in the last few weeks & many lives & children left quite destitute, they have the sure promise of our Heavenly Father who cares for widows & orphans in a special manner. I was glad to hear from Eva all about you all & your dear father too he will be [?grieved] for your loss I am sure for he can enter into your trouble. Give my love to your dear children and accept the same from

Your loving sister

S L H Bracher